

Senate File 443 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the inclusion of occupational therapists as
2 mental health professionals for the purposes of disclosure
3 of mental health and psychological information.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 228.1, subsection 7, Code 2019, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 7. "*Mental health professional*" means an individual who has
4 ~~either~~ any of the following qualifications:

5 a. The individual meets all of the following requirements:

6 (1) The individual holds at least a master's degree in a
7 mental health field, including but not limited to psychology,
8 counseling and guidance, nursing, and social work, or is an
9 advanced registered nurse practitioner, a physician assistant,
10 or a physician and surgeon or an osteopathic physician and
11 surgeon.

12 (2) The individual holds a current Iowa license if
13 practicing in a field covered by an Iowa licensure law.

14 (3) The individual has at least two years of post-degree
15 clinical experience, supervised by another mental health
16 professional, in assessing mental health needs and problems and
17 in providing appropriate mental health services.

18 b. The individual holds a current Iowa license if
19 practicing in a field covered by an Iowa licensure law and is
20 a psychiatrist, an advanced registered nurse practitioner who
21 holds a national certification in psychiatric mental health
22 care and is licensed by the board of nursing, a physician
23 assistant practicing under the supervision of a psychiatrist,
24 or an individual who holds a doctorate degree in psychology and
25 is licensed by the board of psychology.

26 c. The individual is certified by the national board for
27 certification in occupational therapy, is licensed by the board
28 of occupational therapy, and has completed a practicum in a
29 psychiatric setting or has had one year of experience in a
30 psychiatric setting.

31 EXPLANATION

32 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
33 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

34 This bill defines "mental health professional" under Code
35 chapter 228 (disclosure of mental health and psychological

1 information) to include an individual who is nationally
2 certified, licensed by the board of occupational therapy, and
3 has completed a practicum in a psychiatric setting or has had
4 one year of experience in a psychiatric setting.